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INTRODUCTION

This document provides summaries and current statuses of the bills introduced in the 116th Congress that address regulatory reform (i.e., bills that affect agency rulemaking and adjudication processes).

Entries are in reverse chronological order based on the date the bill was introduced into Congress, although House and Senate versions of the same bill are listed together based on the most recent introduction date. Links to relevant committee reports are also provided where available, and summaries frequently draw from the bill summaries provided by the Congressional Research Service, available on [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov).

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H.R. 7107; S.3896 – Periodically Listing Updates to Management Act of 2020	Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]; Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	<p>Date Introduced June 4, 2020 (H & S)</p> <p>Most Recent Action House: Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform; Senate: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p>	A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to establish and maintain a public directory of the individuals occupying Government policy and supporting positions, and for other purposes.
S. 3412; H.R. 5270 – Guidance Clarity Act of 2020 Link	Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]; Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	<p>Date Introduced March 5, 2020 (S); November 26, 2019 (H)</p> <p>Most Recent Action Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs ordered bill to be reported without amendment favorably.</p>	
S. 3208 – Regulatory Accountability Act Link	Sen. Portman, Rob (R-OH)	<p>Date Introduced January 16, 2020</p> <p>Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs</p>	Provides statutory authority for notice-and-comment rulemaking procedures to require federal agencies to consider (1) whether a rulemaking is required by statute or is within the discretion of the agency, (2) whether existing laws or rules could be amended or rescinded to address the problem, and (3) reasonable alternatives to a new rule.

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H.R. 4363 – Commission on Americans Living Abroad Act of 2019 Link	Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. (D-NY-12)	Date Introduced September 17, 2019 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Committees on Financial Services, Ways and Means, the Judiciary, House Administration, and Energy and Commerce.	To establish a commission to study how Federal laws and policies affect United States citizens living in foreign countries.
S. 2416 – Economic Mobility, Prosperity, and Opportunity with Waivers that Enable Reforms for States Act of 2019 Link	Sen. Ernst, Joni (R-IA)	Date Introduced August 1, 2019 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	To provide States with the option of applying for and receiving temporary waivers for the States to experiment with new approaches that integrate Federal programs in order to provide more coordinated and holistic solutions to families in need, and for other purposes.
S. 2378 – Reducing Excessive Government Act of 2019 Link	Sen. Gardner, Cory (R-CO)	Date Introduced July 31, 2019 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	To require reductions in the direct cost of Federal Regulations that are proportional to the amount of increases in the debt ceiling.
H.J. Res. 71 – Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States to Require	Rep. Perry, Scott (R-PA-10)	Date Introduced July 26, 2019 Most Recent Action	Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require legislative approval for certain regulations.

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Legislative Approval for Certain Regulations Link		Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law	
H.R. 3972; S. 92 – Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2019 Link	Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. (R-WI-5) Sen. Paul, Rand (R-KY)	Date Introduced July 25, 2019 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law	To amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.
H.R. 3617 – Article I Restoration Act of 2019 Link	Rep. Posey, Bill (R-FL-8)	Date Introduced July 2, 2019 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law	To sunset new Federal regulatory rules after 3 years, and for other purposes.
H.R. 3603 - To amend chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that in the case of an agency that appeals the ruling of a court under that chapter, and does not prevail on appeal, the court shall award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees	Rep. Posey, Bill (R-FL-8)	Date Introduced June 28, 2019 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law	This bill revises requirements governing judicial review of federal agency action. If an agency does not prevail in an appeal of a court ruling, then the court must award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and costs. The award must be paid out of the administrative budget of the office in the agency that filed the appeal.

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H.J. Res. 70 - Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the delegation of the legislative powers granted to Congress Link	Rep. Perry, Scott (R-PA-10)	Date Introduced June 26, 2019 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties	Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the delegation of the legislative powers granted to Congress.
H.R. 3449 - To require that in a notice of proposed rulemaking for a new rule, the notice shall identify two rules which the agency intends to repeal Link	Rep. Posey, Bill (R-FL-8)	Date Introduced June 24, 2019 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law	This bill requires federal agencies to identify two rules that the agency is repealing for any proposed new rule, unless the proposed rule is required by statute.
H.R. 3269 – Regulatory Improvement Act of 2019 Link	Rep. Gottheimer, Josh (D-NJ-5)	Date Introduced June 13, 2019 Most Recent Action Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Committee on Rules.	To establish an independent advisory committee to review certain regulations, and for other purposes.

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H.R. 3198 – Comprehensive Regulatory Review Act Link	Rep. Loudermilk, Barry (R-GA-11)	Date Introduced June 11, 2019 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.	This bill expands the required comprehensive review of financial regulatory requirements. Specifically, the review must be completed by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and the National Credit Union Administration, in addition to (as required under current law) the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Federal Reserve Board. The review must be performed at least every 7, rather than 10, years. After performing the review, a regulator must consider tailoring regulations to limit specified burdens. The bill specifies information and criteria the CFPB must use when conducting its review.
S. 1753 – Take Care Act Link	Sen. Lee, Mike (R-UT)	Date Introduced June 5, 2019 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	To promote accountability and effective administration in the execution of laws by restoring the original understanding of the President’s constitutional power to remove subordinates from office.
S. 1419 – Early Participation in Regulations Act of 2019 Link	Sen. Lankford, James (R-OK)	Date Introduced May 13, 2019 Most Recent Action	To require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rulemaking for major rules.

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		Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 192. S. Rept. 116-88	
H.R. 2575; S. 1363 – AI in Government Act of 2019 Link	Rep. McNerney, Jerry (D-CA-9); Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI)	Date Introduced May 8, 2019 Most Recent Action House Committee on Oversight and Reform Held Mark-up Session	Creates an AI Center of Excellence within the GSA for the development and promotion of AI and its use by the federal government. <i>See</i> S. 1363 for identical Senate bill
H.R. 2429; S. 2348 – ALJ Competitive Service Restoration Act Link	Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. (D-MD-7); Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)	Date Introduced May 1, 2019 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform; Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	Restores ALJ's to the competitive service <i>See</i> S. 2348 for identical Senate bill
S. 1120 – Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act Link	Sen. Lankford, James (R-OK)	Date Introduced April 10, 2019 Most Recent Action Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management. Hearings held.	Amends chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the "Regulatory Flexibility Act"), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes

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S. 909; H.R. 1927 – Separation of Powers Restoration Act Link	Sen. Sasse, Ben (R-NE) Rep. Ratcliffe, John (R-TX-4)	Date Introduced March 27, 2019 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary	Amends title 5, United States Code, to clarify the nature of judicial review of agency interpretations of statutory and regulatory provisions
S. 869 – Independent Agency Regulatory Analysis Act Link	Sen. Portman, Rob (R-OH)	Date Introduced March 26, 2019 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	Bill to affirm the authority of the President to require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies, and for other purposes
H.R. 1204 – OIRA Insight, Reform, and Accountability Act Link	Rep. Mitchell, Paul (R-MI-10)	Date Introduced February 13, 2019 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law	To amend title 44, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to review regulations, and for other purposes
S. 442 – REVIEW Act of 2019 Link	Sen. Sullivan, Dan (R-AK)	Date Introduced February 12, 2019 Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to postpone the effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review.
S. 441 – RED Tape Act of 2019	Sen. Sullivan, Dan (R-AK)	Date Introduced February 12, 2019	A bill to require each agency to repeal or amend 2 or more rules before issuing or amending a rule.

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Link		Most Recent Action Read twice and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	
H.R. 1087 – Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act of 2019 Link S.395 – Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act of 2019 Link	Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine (R-MO-3) Sen. Lankford, James (R-OK)	Date Introduced February 7, 2019 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.	To require each agency, in providing notice of a rule making, to include a link to a 100 word plain language summary of the proposed rule. See S. 395 for identical Senate bill
S. 380 – GOOD Act Link	Sen. Johnson, Ron (R-WI)	Date Introduced February 7, 2019 Most Recent Action Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 43	A bill to increase access to agency guidance documents
H.R. 903 – Sunset Act of 2019 Link	Rep. King, Steve (R-IA-4)	Date Introduced January 30, 2019 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law	Amends chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for Congressional oversight of agency rulemaking, and for other purposes.

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H.J. Res. 32 – Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to give States the authority to repeal Federal rules and regulations when the repeal is agreed to by the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States. Link	Rep. Bishop, Rob (R-UT-1)	Date Introduced January 22, 2019 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Justice	Proposing an amendment to the Constitution to give States the authority to repeal, in whole or in part, any Presidential Executive order, rule, regulation, other regulatory action, or administrative ruling issued by a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States when the two-thirds of State legislatures agree to the repeal.
H.R. 575 – Lessening Regulatory Costs and Establishing a Federal Regulatory Budget Act of 2019 Link	Rep. Meadows, Mark (R-NC-11)	Date Introduced January 15, 2019 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.	Provides for a method by which the economic costs of significant regulatory actions may be offset by the repeal of other regulatory actions, and for other purposes. Requires the head of each agency to designate an employee or officer of the agency as the Regulatory Reform Officer and create a regulatory reform task force Directs the agency head to publish the information about the Task Force and other regulatory reform initiatives on the agency website
H.R. 395 – POWERS Act of 2019 Link	Rep. Mullin, Markwayne (R-OK-2)	Date Introduced January 9, 2019 Most Recent Action	Requires agencies to (1) provide at least a 60-day period for the public to comment on proposed rules, and (2) respond within 10 days to certain congressional inquiries submitted during that period about a proposed rule.

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H.R. 87 – Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2019 Link	Rep. Biggs, Andy (R-AZ-5)	Date Introduced January 3, 2019 Most Recent Action Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law	Amends chapter 8 of title 5 of the USC to provide for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for “midnight rules”
H.R. 39 – Federal Sunset Act of 2019 Link	Rep. Hudson, Richard (R-NC-8)	Date Introduced January 3, 2019 Most Recent Action Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform	Abolishes a federal agency one year after it is reviewed by the Federal Agency Sunset Commission, established by the bill, unless the agency is reauthorized by Congress. Each agency, including each advisory committee, must be reviewed by the commission at least once every 12 years.

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